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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50-528, STN 50-529, and STN 50-530; NRC-2018-0016]

Arizona Public Service Company

Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Exemption; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an exemption in response to a July 1, 2016, request, as supplemented by letter dated June 2, 2017, from Arizona Public Service Company (the licensee) in order to use Optimized ZIRLO™ fuel rod cladding material at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3.

DATES: The exemption was issued on January 23, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2018-0016** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2018-0016**. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; e-mail: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The NRC's letter, exemption, and associated safety evaluation dated January 23, 2018 are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML17319A214.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of January, 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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